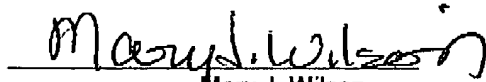


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This is in response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, set forth in the Office Action dated October 13, 2005, the period for response having been extended up to January 13, 2006, by submission of the required petition and fee herewith. Applicants elect for prosecution in this application the subject matter of Group VII (claim 23), namely, the use of Sulfasalazine to treat liver disease. That election is made with traverse.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the requirement for restriction, at least as between the subject matter of claims 1-27. Underlying the subject matter of claim 1, from which claims 2-27 depend, is the concept of inducing hepatic stellate cell (HSC) apoptosis in order to treat liver disease. Accordingly, it is believed that no undue burden would be placed on the Examiner from a searching perspective if all of claims 1-27 were to be considered in the same application.